

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claims 1 and 3-9 are rejected as being anticipated by Lin.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the image data that is processed is rasterized color separated contone gray level image data.

It is respectfully submitted that Lin fails to teach or suggest image processing on rasterized color separated contone gray level image data.

2. Claim 10 is rejected as being obvious over Lin in view of Mongeon and Yamaguchi.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the image data that is processed is rasterized color separated contone gray level image data.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Lin, Mongeon or Yamaguchi teach or suggest, either singularly or in combination, image processing on rasterized color separated contone gray level image data.

3. Claim 11 is rejected as being obvious over Lin in view of Mongeon and Tai.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the image data that is processed is rasterized color separated contone gray level image data.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Lin, Mongeon or Tai teach or suggest, either singularly or in combination, image processing on rasterized color separated contone gray level image data.

4. Claim 12 is rejected as being obvious over Lin in view of Mongeon and Yoshiaki.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the image data that is processed is rasterized color separated contone gray level image data.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Lin, Mongeon or Yoshiaki teach or suggest, either singularly or in combination, image processing on rasterized color separated contone gray level image data.

5. Claims 2, 13-15, 17-19 and 21-24 are rejected as being obvious over Lin in view of Tai.

Independent Claims 1, 13 and 21 have been amended to clarify that the image data that is processed is rasterized color separated contone gray level image data.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Lin or Tai teach or suggest, either singularly or in combination, image processing on rasterized color separated contone gray level image data.

6. Claim 16 is rejected as being obvious over Lin in view of Tai and Mongeon.

Independent Claim 13 has been amended to clarify that the image data that is processed is rasterized color separated contone gray level image data.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Lin or Tai teach or suggest, either singularly or in combination, image processing on rasterized color separated contone gray level image data.

7. Claim 20 is rejected as being obvious over Lin in view of Tai and In re Dulberg.

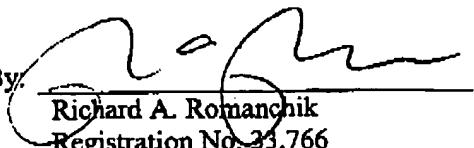
Claim 20 has been amended to clarify that the image data that is processed is rasterized color separated contone gray level image data.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Lin or Tai teach or suggest, either singularly or in combination, image processing on rasterized color separated contone gray level image data.

This Application is now believed to be in condition for favorable reconsideration and early allowance, and such actions are respectfully requested.

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